

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA FROZEN CONSUMER PACK CHICKENS PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-288 for frozen consumer pack chickens for use in domestic food nutrition programs has re-opened.

Offers will be invited from the trade for frozen U.S. Grade A ready-to-cook young chicken, with neck and giblets. Individual chickens must weigh 3 to 4.25 pounds (1.36 to 1.93 kg) per carcass weighed without neck and giblets. The commodity must be commercially labeled and packed in individual plastic-film bags with 10-12 chickens per fiberboard shipping container. An individual shipping container must weigh 36 to 44 pounds (16.33 to 19.96 kg). A purchase unit will total 39,000 pounds (17,962 kg).

Invitation No. 5, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, May 16, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, May 20. Deliveries will be made from July 1 to Sept. 30.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-288, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for Frozen Consumer Pack Chickens dated July 2004.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch; STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave. SW; Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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